

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA**

Case No. 24-20261-CR-BECERRA/TORRES

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

v.

JEANETTE CARMICHAEL,

Defendant.

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**REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION ON CHANGE OF PLEA**

This matter was before the Court following on Order of Reference to conduct a proceeding for acceptance of a guilty plea by the Defendant in the above referenced case. The Court having conducted a change of plea hearing on this date, it is recommended that the Defendant's change of plea be accepted for the following reasons:

1. The Court convened a hearing to permit the Defendant to enter a change of plea in the case. At the outset of the hearing, the Court advised the Defendant of her right to have these proceedings conducted by the District Judge assigned to the case. Further, this Court advised the Defendant that this Court was conducting the change of plea hearing on an Order of Reference from the District Court and at the request of the Defendant, the Defendant's attorney and the Assistant United States Attorney assigned to this case. This Court further advised the Defendant that the

District Judge assigned to this case would be the sentencing judge and would make all findings and rulings concerning the Defendant's sentence and would conduct a sentencing hearing at a time set by the District Court.

2. The Defendant was advised that she did not have to permit the undersigned United States Magistrate Judge to conduct this hearing and could request that the change of plea hearing be conducted only by a United States District Judge. The Defendant, the Defendant's attorney and the Assistant United States Attorney assigned to the case all agreed on the record and consented to this Court conducting the change of plea hearing.

3. The Court conducted a plea colloquy pursuant to the requirements of Fed. R. Crim. P. 11.

4. There is no written plea agreement entered into by the parties. The Defendant pled guilty to both counts of the Indictment, which charge this Defendant in Count 1 with theft of government funds, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, 641, as well as Social Security fraud in Count 2, in violation of Title 42, United States Code, 408. The Defendant also acknowledged that she understood the maximum penalties for each offense, including a possible maximum term of ten years imprisonment on Count 1.

5. The Defendant assented in open court to the factual basis for the entry of the plea, which included all the essential elements of the offenses to which the Defendant is pleading guilty and any sentencing enhancements and/or aggravating factors that may be applicable. Specifically, the Court reviewed with Defendant the

government's factual proffer, filed as Exhibit A to the hearing, to assure that a factual basis existed for the entry of the plea.

6. Based upon the foregoing and the plea colloquy conducted by this Court, it is recommended that the Defendant be found to have freely and voluntarily entered her guilty plea to the Indictment as more particularly described herein and that the Defendant be adjudicated guilty of such offenses.

7. A pre-sentence investigation is being prepared. Sentencing will be set by separate order.

ACCORDINGLY, this Court recommends that the Defendant's plea of guilty be accepted, the Defendant be adjudicated guilty of the offenses to which she has entered her plea of guilty, that a probation report be Ordered, and that a sentencing hearing be conducted for final disposition of this matter. The parties shall have three (3) business days from the date of this Report and Recommendation within which to file objections, if any, with the Honorable Jacqueline Becerra, United States District Judge. Failure to file timely objections waives a party's right to review issues related to the Defendant's plea under Fed. R. Crim. P. 11 before the District Judge or the Court of Appeals (even under a plain error standard). *See* Fed. R. Crim. P. 59(b)(1), (2); *Thomas v. Arn*, 474 U.S. 140 (1985); *United States v. Lewis*, 492 F.3d 1219, 1222 (11th Cir. 2007) (en banc).

**DONE AND SUBMITTED** this 23rd day of October, 2024, at Miami, Florida.

/s/ Edwin G. Torres  
EDWIN G. TORRES  
United States Magistrate Judge